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**Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
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<i>Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal</i>	<i>Application Number</i>	<i>09/879,815</i>
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 10/04/2004 SSESHE1 00000027 09879815  
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ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) \_\_\_\_\_

iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) \_\_\_\_\_

iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

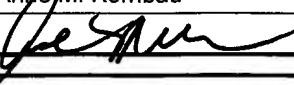
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**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, AGENT REQUIRED**

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